

IN THE SPECIFICATION

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Page 4, line 22 to page 5, line 4.

The media slice module 105 may be viewed as a portable version of the traditional docking station. The media slice module 105 typically weighs only about 1-2 pounds, and is operable to detachably dock to an information handling system portable device 101 (also referred to as a portable notebook computer, notebook computer, portable device, laptop computer, PDA or gaming console). Like the traditional docking station, the media slice 105 is typically not provided with a processor. However, unlike the traditional docking station, which is generally left in place on a home or office desktop computer, the media slice 105 is typically designed to be as equally portable as the portable device 101. That is, while the portable device 101 and the media slice 105 are docked they are designed to be a portable unit and operate as one integrated portable computer providing increased functionality.

Page 5, line 6 to page 5, line 17.

The size and shape of the media slice module 105 shown substantially resembles a rectangular prism having a length L, a height H and a depth D. In one example, the media slice module 105 is approximately 10.8" long, 0.8" high and 9.3" deep. The exact dimensions may vary depending of the manufacturer. The shape and size of the media slice module 105 is typically consistent with that of the portable device 101, with the dimensions of the media slice module 105 slightly exceeding those of the portable device 101 to enable a snug fit when docked. In a docked position the front, rear, left and right edge surfaces of the portable device

101 are substantially included within with the corresponding front, rear, left and right edge surfaces of the media slice module 105. As described herein, references to the front, rear, left and right ~~is~~ are relative to the front, rear, left and right of the portable device 101.

Page 7, line 11 to page 7, line 23.

The foregoing need is addressed by the teachings of the present disclosure, which relates to a system and method for an improved docking between a docking device such as the media slice module and a portable device ~~such as the~~ for example a portable device computer. According to one embodiment, in the system and method for detachably docking a portable device to a docking device, the docking device is placed on a stable surface. The docking device includes a pair of moveable rear latches and moveable front latches, which are operable to latch on to corresponding matching slots of the portable device when docked. The portable device is aligned substantially vertically on top of the docking device. A vertical force is applied on the portable device. When properly aligned a pair of alignment pins included in the docking device mate with corresponding notches on the portable device when the two devices are docked. A release latch on the docking device is operable to undock the two devices.

Page 9, line 18 to page 10, line 7.

Many docking systems available today provide a horizontal docking means, whereby the portable device is placed horizontally into or on the docking station for docking. Some docking systems such as described in FIG. 1, provide a docking mechanism to toe in the front portion of the device to engage the pair of fixed latches 140. However, the docking mechanism is not easy to use for users. For example, users often place the portable device vertically on the media slice module 105

(without toeing in), thereby leaving one or both of the pair of fixed front latches 140 unlatched. The user is often frustrated ~~since~~ because the media slice module 105 fails to operate due to the improper latching. It would be desirable to improve the docking mechanism for devices. According to one embodiment, in the system and method for detachably docking a portable device to a docking device, the docking device is placed on a stable surface. The docking device includes a pair of moveable rear latches and moveable front latches, which are operable to latch on to corresponding matching slots of the portable device when docked. The portable device is aligned substantially vertically on top of the docking device. A vertical force is applied on the portable device. When properly aligned a pair of alignment pins included in the docking device mate with corresponding notches on the portable device when the two devices are docked. A release latch on the docking device is operable to undock the two devices.

Page 10, line 26 to page 11, line 8.

The docking device 210 includes the substantially planar top section 220 to receive a bottom section 102 of the portable device 101, a substantially planar bottom section 225 to placed in contact with a stable surface (not shown), the pair of moveable rear latches 120 positioned approximately at each corner of the rear edge, an electrical connector 230 for electrically coupling the docking device 210 to the portable device 101, and a pair of moveable front latches 240 positioned approximately at each corner of the front edge. In one embodiment, the electrical connector 230 may be the same as the electrical connector 130. In one embodiment, the pair of moveable front latches 240 may be substantially similar to the pair of moveable rear latches 120 except for their orientation (that is the latches are positioned facing each other). Further details of the moveable latches 240 and 120 are described in FIG's. 2B and 2C₁ respectively.